

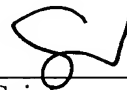
**REMARKS**

With the above amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the International priority application by reference. The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependency and place them in better form for examination. The abstract has been amended to remove figure references.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in good condition for examination. Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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